

at Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio. Her diligent work to protect reproductive freedoms has improved the lives of countless women.

Carole Rogers has a long record of commitment to the state of Ohio. She received a Masters Degree in History from Ohio State University. She worked as a consultant for the state and took part in "The Columbus Still Cares About Schools Committee," a Blue Ribbon Task Force which was established to peacefully desegregate schools and pass a school district levy. She also worked on numerous political campaigns ranging from Campaign Manager for City Council candidate to State Campaign Chair for a presidential candidate.

Ms. Rogers is the author of many writings. She has written "Weatherization in Ohio", for the General Assembly, published by the State of Ohio, and co-authored "Battelle Memorial Institute Foundation, A History and Evaluation", published by the Ohio Historical Society. She has also written for the Planned Parenthood Affiliation of Ohio.

Ms. Rogers has led countless campaigns to protect women's rights. In 1986 she fought for the first ever family planning fund in the state of Ohio. She has helped organize the influential March for Women's Lives in Columbus. For many years she provided coordination for the statewide Freedom of Choice Ohio Coalition and for the statewide Ohio Family Planning Association. Recently, Ms. Rogers has fought to increase state family planning funding to its current level of over \$1.95 million annually.

Most recently, Ms. Rogers was instrumental in forming the Alliance for Contraceptive Equity, a coalition whose mission is to advocate for passage of legislation that would require insurers to cover prescription contraception in the same way they cover other prescription medication.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the accomplishments of Carole Rogers for her courageous and dedicated work on behalf of women's rights.

TRIBUTE TO THE WAUWATOSA EAST HIGH SCHOOL

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding performance of Wauwatosa East High School in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution national finals held here in Washington, DC this past April. These exceptional young people competed against 48 other teams from across the country, and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of our constitutional government.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the program is one of the most extensive of its kind, reaching more than 26 million students at the elementary, middle and high schools. The national finals competition simulates a Congressional hearing whereby high school students testify as Constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I wish to express my sincere congratulations, respect, and best wishes to Ida Assefa,

Stephen Brown, Jon Bzdawka, Michael Chay, Erin Curtis, Devin Drobka, Kathryn Finley, Ayesha Hasan, Angela Jarosz, Suzanne Jarosz, Margaret Jarvis, Elisabeth Kebbekus, Rebecca Keber, Jacob Kriegisch, Laura Krumenauer, Jaclyn Mich, Emily Nell, Meagan Parker, Jessica Ried, Heidi Simon, Madeline Smith, Kristina St. Charles, Carly Stingl, Sheila Vance, Ignatius Vishnevetsky, Sarah Wainscott, Lucas Westaas and their teacher, Beth Ratway.

HONORING FATHER ROBERT CRIDER FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Father Robert Crider. Father Crider has exemplified the finest qualities of leadership and service and is being honored for his 50-year commitment as an ordained Roman Catholic Priest.

Father Crider was ordained on May 14, 1953. He was born and raised in St. Louis, MO, but has served parishes in northwest Missouri during many of his years in the priesthood. From 1962-1975, Father Crider served as a Missionary Priest in Bolivia, South America. Upon returning to the United States, he continued his service to the Catholic Church in northwest Missouri again.

In 1991, Father Crider was appointed parish priest of Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Plattsburg, Missouri, and currently serves in that capacity. He is respected by all members of the parish for his dedication to his church and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Father Robert Crider, who exemplifies the qualities of dedication and service as both an ordained Roman Catholic Priest and as a citizen of northwest Missouri.

A RESOLUTION HONORING DERRICK MILLER, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF UNION CITY MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Derrick Miller, winner of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Derrick is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Derrick is an exceptional student at Union City High School, and possesses an out-

standing record of achievement in high school. Derrick has received numerous awards for his excellence in academics, as well as his volunteer activities with the Soup-R-Bowl project. Derrick is also active in Student Council and National Honor Society.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Derrick Miller for his selection as winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

H.R. 1000, PENSION SECURITY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on December 3, 2001, ENRON filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and America's working men and women are still waiting for legislation that will protect and secure their pensions.

Nearly 50 million workers have 401(k)s or similar pension plans, and a number of provisions in H.R. 1000 are not in their best interests. I read H.R. 1000 with one question in mind, "Would an ENRON employee have benefited from this legislation?"

The answer to that question is "no." Not only does H.R. 1000 fail to protect working men and women from corporate abuses, in some cases it puts their retirement incomes at even greater risk.

This bill opens a loop-hole for financial advisors, allowing self-interested investment firms to be the principal financial advisors to employees. This bill also locks employees into 3-year stock holding situations, undermining their ability to diversify and protect their retirement if the company fails.

H.R. 1000 also fails to protect older workers' retirement incomes in cash balance pension conversions. Without protections, many older workers could see their pensions slashed by as much as 50%.

The Democratic substitute addresses these issues, and it also ensures that the retirement packages of employees are equal to those of their employers.

It is a sad fact that Congress is now responsible for enacting morality laws for a corporate America, who, if Enron and Global Crossings are any example, has demonstrated an inability to conduct itself ethically.

We are the last line of defense between the rank and file employee and his corporate hierarchy. H.R. 1000 contains too many loopholes, oversights, and executive exemptions to effectively secure the pensions of our nation's working men and women.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 1000, and vote for the Democratic substitute. I know that if Enron's former employees were able to vote here today, they would do just that.